

Chairmans report – 2021 / 2022

Apologies I am unable to attend the meeting today and can't quite believe another year has passed and it is the PTA AGM already and think back to what we were doing.

September arrived and feel the restrictions were still in place although we got busy with organising what the year had install and what we could do. First off, we welcomed the new children into Cherry Tree class and thanks to Charlotte / Meg for putting together a little welcome pack for the parents as they dropped their youngsters off for their 1st day in school. We then went into October where a day was organised to tidy the outside of the school ready for the open day which was planned for November. Thanks to the parents and teachers who turned up to help, especially Karen & Steve who were able to take away most of the garden brash which was cut away.

By now we had also installed the Recycling Clothes bin at the bottom of the school ramp. This to me has become a great fundraiser for the school and just quietly ticks along with not much work involved from us and has also become a great asset to the village.

We then took to selling Christmas Wreaths gratefully donated by Lowerhope Farms and has now become very popular with parents and the locals of the village over the last few years. With Christmas in mind, 1 of our fund raisers was the Christmas card project which has now been going for many years which the children enjoy doing, unsure about the parents but it brings in more funds which is great. We then helped and supplied the refreshments and a raffle at the 'Carols under the Stars' which was a atmosphere outside where parents got to see each other and listen to the children sing. Thanks to all that took money on the entrance, sold raffle tickets and helped with the refreshments. Hopefully you get to do it again this year? Thanks also to Meg Reece for contacting Father Christmas and asking Hereford Lions if they could do a drive by for him and wish the children a very happy Christmas. This went down very well and we thank Father Christmas for being able to show up as we know how busy he is at that time of year. The children then enjoyed receiving their presents kindly donated and helped by PTA.

As the New Year started, we introduced the Pre-Loved Uniform collection and started the sales again. Thanks to Charlotte for collecting, washing & sorting all the items that were donated. This turned out to be a huge success with the majority being sold.

We then got planning the Easter Egg Hunt in April. Thanks to all that came and helped, sorted the route out & provided the refreshments. It was a lovely sunny Sunday and great to see the children and parents mixing and enjoying themselves. Thanks for the teachers for joining in to.

In June there was the Jubilee celebrations where we purchased the Queens jubilee pin badges for the school children and teachers where the rest were sold, thanks to all that achieved this.

By now we were also planning the 160th party for the school in July. This turned out to be a huge success and a great fund raiser for the school especially with holding the school performances during the week and also holding a big raffle in celebration. We were also very lucky with the weather and how it was another lovely summers day. Thanks to all that helped before, during and after in putting on such a wonderful event and raising much needed funds whilst having fun to.

During the summer term, we re-introduced 'Ice Lolly Thursday'. This has been another huge fund raiser for us and something for the children to enjoy as well as a few of the parents. Thanks to all that helped out selling and purchasing these especially our new little freezer which is now in the school for future use.

I just want to finish off by thanking you all for the last 12 months. We weren't sure how the year was going to turn out although looking back, we do seem to have achieved a lot and feel it turned out rather successful and hopefully a lot of money has been raised for our wonderful school and children. I'd just like to thank Karen for being my secretary, keeping us informed, organising and informing us what needs to be done or what has already been completed. To Deb for organising the finances, floats and keeping us up to date with what we've made and spent, to the parents and the teachers for helping and supporting the events that have happened over the last 12 months. Without you, we wouldn't have had enough help on the days and not achieved what we have.

I'd like to finish by saying thank you for allowing me to be your PTA chair and for the gifts at the end of last term. I've yet to spend/drink it although very grateful and would like to wish the new committee all the best for the next 12 months.

Thank you